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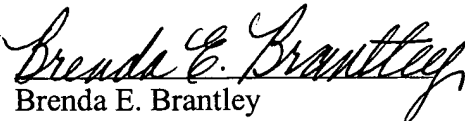
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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed October 18, 2004, which rejected elected claims 1-32 and 39-50, applicants respectfully request reconsideration, based upon the amendments hereinafter set forth.